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1. Per our agreement with CHAKIN we are beginning to make plans for his emigration to Spain. It is to be accomplished in the following manner: He has an Argentine visa from the Argentine Consul in Suisse. This entitles him to transit across Suisse from which place he plans to fly to Madrid. In Spain his friends Count Alexander KATEK and Prince Boris SOUAKOFF (also known as Shirinsky-Shchmetoff) will arrange for him to settle in Spain. Our share in the plans is to provide the exit permit from Germany. He will also possibly bear the expense of his flight from Munich to Zurich.

2. CHAKIN has been a faithful worker for us during the past few years and the possibility of his continuing to work for us in Spain naturally presents itself. He is willing to engage in certain kinds of work for us there. He probably would not actively engage in working against Franco as he considers him to be the one remaining old leader who has consistently fought against Bolshevism. There are other fields, however, in which he might possibly be useful.

Indeed, his friend Count KATEK is said to be a close friend of the man in charge of the passport section in the Spanish Foreign Office, one Count MELIEN (spelling ?). Through him it might be possible to obtain Spanish visas for some of our friends who wish to leave the country in which they are working. Count KATEK and Prince SOUAKOFF are said to have excellent connections in Spanish government circles. Actually CHAKIN suggested that he might serve as intermediary in unofficial contacts which the Americans might want to make with certain Spanish functionaries. Other possible uses to which CHAKIN might be put in Spain would include reporting on foreign agents in Spain, acting as letter drop, safe house, obtaining documents. He has been asked to prepare a tentative plan of possible action he might undertake on our behalf in Spain.

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3. Nothing definite has been arranged with CANAKIN but we wish to let [] know that this man will probably be available. We would like to have FBM's and [] reaction to the idea in general before we commit ourselves to CANAKIN or make more definite plans. Will you please inform MOB by cable if you are interested in the idea. Any suggestions concerning his possible use in Spain could be sent by pouch.

4. Considerable biographical material on CANAKIN must be available in the files in Washington, hence is not included in this letter. CANAKIN has worked in a limited sphere due to the fact that he is avoiding being extradited by the French. However, in that sphere he has been highly satisfactory as an agent. If he were freed of the necessity of hiding, he should be more effective.

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